

The Specialty Contractor Committee of the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors met via conference call on July 16, 2008 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia for the purpose of discussing business.

**Members Present:**

Bob Barnard  
Roger Huggins  
Morgan Wheeler

**Others Present:**

Tanja Battle, Executive Director  
Lisa Durden, Executive Director  
Scarlett Elliott, Board Attorney  
Kevin Veler, Legal Counsel for Business &  
Construction

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Bob Barnard.

Roger Huggins made a motion to change the title of the existing specialty called Classroom Trailers to Manufactured Units for Temporary Use and/ or Classroom Trailers as a Limited Service Specialty Contractor. Such temporary or classroom trailers would include:

- Any pre-engineered, pre-fabricated buildings, excluding single and multi-family housing.

Morgan Wheeler seconded the motion and the committee voted in favor of the motion.

Roger Huggins made a motion to add Substations as a Limited Service Specialty Contractor. Substations would include:

- Staking and layout of station
- Chain link fencing
- Foundations (drilled piers and flat slab)
- Conduit
- Precise cable trench
- Grounding grid
- Steel erection
- Glass insulators
- Switches
- Aluminum and copper bus
- Control cable
- Gravel spreading

Morgan Wheeler seconded the motion and the committee voted in favor of the motion.

Roger Huggins made a motion to add Above Ground Storage Tanks/Silos as a Limited Service Specialty Contractor. Above Ground Storage Tanks/Silos would include:

- Bolted steel tanks, comprised of prefabricated components shipped directly to the job site by the manufacturer
- Tanks are erected on site by ring and slave method, starting with a base ring and bolting each sheet to the slave and panel next to it, continuing around the base until the first ring is complete. The process continues upward.
- Dimensions of the tanks may be from 9 feet up to 184 feet in diameter and from 8 feet to 120 feet in height.
- Tools utilized in tank erection are impact wrenches, standard wrenches, pins, hammers, scaffolding, gin poles, and safety harnesses.

Morgan Wheeler seconded the motion, and the committee voted in favor of the motion.

Roger Huggins made a motion to add Fall Protection Equipment under the category of Industrial Specialty Work as a Limited Service Specialty Contractor. Fall Protection Equipment would include:

- Demolition
- Foundations and supports
- Stairways and platforms
- Mechanical equipment to operate the equipment
- Associated accessories
- Electrical
- Structural frameworks and canopies over the equipment

Morgan Wheeler seconded the motion, and the committee voted in favor of the motion.

Morgan Wheeler made a motion to add Synthetic Sports Turfs as a Limited Service Specialty Contractor. The typical scope of work for a Synthetic Sports Turf would include:

- Complete excavation of organic/existing materials, approximately 8" below finished height of an existing track
- Laser grade the subgrade to .5% to 1% slope from the middle of the field
- Installation of perimeter drain line, typically tied in to the existing drop inlets
- Installation of a geotextile fabric over the subgrade and perimeter drain
- Installation of a flat panel drainage system
- Installation of a recessed curb to provide proper means for turf attachment
- Installation of a clan stone base in two layers
- Installation of synthetic turf system (synthetic turf and infill)

Roger Huggins seconded the motion, and the committee voted in favor of the motion.

Roger Huggins made a motion to add Railroad Related Construction as a Limited Service Specialty Contractor. Railroad Related Construction would include:

- Related sitework/minor grading
- Layout and engineering
- New track and turnout construction
- Rehabilitate existing track
- Maintenance contracts
- 24 hour emergency repair service
- Track removal and salvage
- Switch point-frog and thermit welding
- Road crossing installation and repair
- Contract tamping and surfacing
- Contract cross tie replacement – rail relaying
- Ditching with Hy-Rail Gradall and dump truck

Morgan Wheeler seconded the motion, and the committee voted in favor of the motion.

Roger Huggins made a motion to modify seating under the Specialty Traditional contractors to include pre-fabricated seating, pre-fabricated bleachers, and pre-fabricated press boxes. Morgan Wheeler seconded the motion, and the committee voted in favor of the motion. The committee further stated that it would not expand any further on the seating/bleacher issue.

Morgan Wheeler made a motion to add lift stations under the Sitework category for Limited Service Specialty Contractors and to add explosives for demolition upon approval of the ATF under the Sitework category for Limited Service Specialty Contractors. Roger Huggins seconded the motion, and the committee voted in favor of the motion.

Roger Huggins made a motion to add Residential Kitchen and Bath Designers / Installers as a Limited Service Specialty Contractor. The following are allowable categories of work that may be completed, consulted and/or advised by residential kitchen and bath designers:

- Definition: “at risk” means you do not hold the contract for the entire contracting job.
- Design and space use drawings, configurations and plans for kitchens, baths, excluding any design of load bearing support or structural beams or the structural integrity of the real property.
- Design configurations and specifications for cabinetry, countertops, fixtures, storage, furniture and furnishings, hardware, appliances and equipment (including new technology)
- Design selection, consulting, and advising of installation of backsplashes, wall treatments and floor treatments, millwork, trimwork, and finish work.
- Design, selection, consulting and advising of venting, lighting design and reflective ceiling plans, provided specialty work is independent of actual construction such that the specialty designer/installer is not “at risk.”

- Design and space drawings, configurations and plans for electrical, heating and air conditioning systems provided specialty work is independent of actual construction such that the specialty designer/installer is not “at risk” and the construction work is performed by a licensed person as may be required by applicable law under O.C.G.A. § 43-14.
- Consultation, advice, and review of plan implementation and designs on behalf of owner, provided specialty work is independent of actual construction such that the specialty designer/installer is not “at risk.”
- Project coordination and general administration (excluding management of actual construction), quality review and consultation on behalf of owner, provided specialty work is independent of actual construction such that the specialty designer/installer is not “at risk.”
- Management and oversight of installation of cabinetry, countertops, appliances and other kitchen and bath equipment; provided such items are actually installed by the manufacturer, distributor or retailer of such product or the in-house or independent qualified installers, approved or certified by such manufacturer, distributor or retailer.

Morgan Wheeler seconded the motion, and the committee voted in favor of the motion.

Roger Huggins asked the board’s attorney if design is covered by law. Ms. Elliott stated that design is not covered by law.

There was further discussion about traditional specialty work concerning bundling services. The committee decided to review bundled services on a case by case basis. The consensus was that certain services could be bundled so long as the specialty contractor was providing those services and not subcontracting the specialty services.

Roger Huggins made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Morgan Wheeler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**Minutes recorded by:**

**Lisa Durden, Executive Director**

**Minutes Edited/Reviewed by:**

**Tanja Battle, Executive Director**